



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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October 3, 2001

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William W. Hahn, Agent  
Hahn Graphics, Inc.  
5023 Chase Ave.  
Downers Grove, Illinois 60515

Re: Request for Information to assist in the Downers Grove Groundwater Investigation

Dear Mr. Hahn:

I am writing to request your cooperation in providing information and documents to assist the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") in its investigation of the Downers Grove Groundwater Investigation Site ("Site"). The Site is located in the western portion of Downers Grove and adjacent portions of unincorporated DuPage County, Illinois. The general boundaries of the Site are the BNSF railroad tracks on the north, Main Street on the east, Interstate I-355 on the west, and 63<sup>rd</sup> Street on the south. This letter specifically seeks information relating to the Hahn Graphics, Inc. facility at 5023 Chase Avenue. For the purposes of this request, "you" means the Hahn Graphics, Inc. and "Facility" means all contiguous land and any building, structure, installation, equipment, pipe or pipeline, well, pit, pond, lagoon, impoundment, ditch, landfill, and storage container located at 5023 Chase Avenue.

I request pursuant to Section 4(b) and (h) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act") (415 ILCS 5/4(b) and (h)) that you provide a complete and truthful response to this Information Request and attached questions (Attachment C) within 21 days of your receipt of this letter.

The Illinois EPA is investigating the potential sources and extent of releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants at the Site. Illinois EPA is seeking to obtain information concerning the generation, storage, treatment, transportation, and methods used to dispose of such substances that have been, or threaten to be, released at or from the Site. Illinois EPA believes that you might have information, which may assist it in the investigation of the Site.

Some of the information Illinois EPA is requesting may be considered by you to be confidential or trade secret. If you wish to withhold any information from disclosure as confidential or trade secret information, you must make the appropriate claim, providing a clear and complete explanation of the basis for the claim, and specifically identify the information the information that you are withholding. The Illinois EPA, however, reserves the right to require submittal of the information if it determines that the information is pertinent to its investigation. In such event, you will be provided with the opportunity to assert a claim of exemption from public disclosure. Directions for asserting such claims are discussed further in Attachment A and D to this letter.

GEORGE H. RYAN, GOVERNOR

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If you have information about other parties who may have information which may assist the Illinois EPA in its investigation of the Site or may be responsible for the contamination at the Site, that information should be submitted within the time frame noted above.

Instructions for the response to the questions in Attachment C to this document are described in Attachment A. Your response to this Information Requests should be mailed to:

Joe Dombrowski  
Remedial Project Management Section  
Bureau of Land  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
1021 N. Grand Avenue East, Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

If you have additional questions about the Downers Grove Groundwater Investigation Site, please contact Carol Fuller at (217) 524-8807. However, if you have specific questions about the Information Request, please contact Mark Gurnik (217)782-5544.

We appreciate and look forward to your prompt response to this Information Request.

Sincerely,



Renee Cipriano  
Director

Enclosures

Called.  
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## ATTACHMENT A

### Information Request Instructions

1. Answer Every Question Completely. A separate response must be made to each of the questions set forth in this Information Request. For each question contained in this letter, if information responsive to this Information Request is not in your possession, custody, or control, please identify the person(s) from whom such information may be obtained.
2. Number Each Answer. Precede each answer with the corresponding number of the question and the subpart to which it responds.
3. Provide the Best Information Available. Provide responses to the best of your ability, even if the information sought was never put down in writing or if the written documents are no longer available. You should seek out responsive information from current and former employees/agents. Submission of cursory responses when other responsive information is available to you will be considered non-compliance with this Information Request.
4. Identify Sources of Answer. For each question, identify (see Definitions in Attachment B) all the persons and documents that you relied on in producing your answer.
5. Confidential and Trade Secret Information. If you contend that the information requested herein includes confidential or trade secret information, and the Illinois EPA instructs you that the information requested must be provided, you may wish to assert a claim covering part or all of the information requested, pursuant to Sections 7 and 7.1 of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/7 and 7.1 (2000)) and 2 Ill. Adm. Code 1828.401. (See Attachment D) You must make a separate assertion of confidentiality for each response and each document that you consider confidential.
6. Disclosure to Illinois EPA Contractor. Information which you submit in response to this Information Request may be disclosed by Illinois EPA to authorized representatives of the State of Illinois, pursuant to applicable law, even if you assert that all or part of it is confidential or trade secret information. Please be advised that Illinois EPA may disclose all responses to this Information Request to one or more of its private contractors for the propose of organizing and/or analyzing the information contained in the responses to this Information Request.
7. Objection to Questions. If you have objections to some or all the questions within the Information Request letter, you are still required to respond to each of the questions.

10. The term **"release"** shall mean any spilling, leaking pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing into the environment, including the abandonment or discharging of barrels, containers, and other closed receptacles containing any hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant.
11. The term **"Site"** shall mean the Downers Grove Groundwater Investigation site located in the western portion of Downers Grove and adjacent portions of unincorporated DuPage County, Illinois. The general boundaries of the Site are the BNSF railroad tracks on the north, Main Street on the east, Interstate I-355 on the west, and 63<sup>rd</sup> Street on the south.
11. The term **"waste"** or **"wastes"** shall mean and include trash, garbage, refuse, by-products, solid waste, hazardous waste, hazardous substances, and pollutants or contaminants, whether solid, liquid, or sludge, including but not limited to containers for temporary or permanent holding of such wastes.